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Notice to Subscribers.  
Subscribers to the DAILY or WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, in British Columbia or Washington Territory, are hereby notified that on and after this date all papers will be sent by MAIL, unless specially ordered by some other conveyance.  
VICTORIA, Nov. 17th, 1899.

Gratuitous.  
Notices of Divine Service and Advertisements of Marriages or Deaths inserted GRATUITOUSLY.  
Thursday Morning, June 13, 1861.

Farming in British Columbia.  
If there is one business more than another that promises a certain reward for labor and capital invested in it, we believe it is farming in British Columbia. Still, mining, trading and packing are the sole occupations of its inhabitants at present. Only a few small patches of land are cultivated. The entire population have consequently to depend on imported produce of every kind to supply the commonest necessities of life, notwithstanding both the climate and the soil are admirably adapted to agriculture. The additional gold discoveries recently made in the Northern mines, indicate not only extraordinary riches, but the evidences of deep diggings prove that the mineral district is not likely to be worked out very soon, and consequently will possess a larger population than any other yet known. Were farmers to scatter themselves along the whole route from Lytton, or Cayoosh to the Forks of Quesnelle, the travel and the Northern mining camps would provide a first-rate market at their doors. Wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, beans, and vegetables of every kind may be raised in the greatest profusion. Yet neither of these commodities are raised; all have to be imported from Oregon, Washington Territory or California. From here they are sent up Fraser River to the head of navigation, and thence hundreds of miles into the interior, where they realise fabulous prices in comparison with their cost. Packers get some twenty cents or more per pounds for carrying potatoes, barley, flour, &c., into the upper country. A farmer, by locating there, would consequently save the whole freight. It would be his profit after paying for his labor at the rate here. In fact, a good piece of prairie or bottom land under cultivation up there would be equivalent to owning a pack train to transport such articles from Yale, Lytton, or Cayoosh to the interior. And if there was any difference as to advantages, it would be on the side of the farmer. The amount of capital required to start a pioneer farm is trifling in comparison with the cost of a train; and yet the profits on agricultural produce promise to be equal to the New Westminster duties and cost of transportation for years to come.

At Williams Lake, a short distance from the forks of Quesnelle, the capability of the country to raise all kinds of agricultural produce, has already been demonstrated. If the winters are longer and the springs later than in the neighborhood of Lytton, it does not work disadvantageously. All kinds of crops suitable to a northern latitude come to maturity. And that is all the farmer requires. We are persuaded, therefore, that those farmers who first locate in the upper country, and prosecute farming as they should, will average better wages the year through, than the average wages of miners. Such being the case, it is somewhat surprising that more persons have not turned their attention to agriculture. Admitting that hitherto there were some doubts of the extent, durability and riches of the northern mines, and that mining was consequently considered safer than agricultural enterprise; still that cannot be urged now. The mines are a fixed fact. Hence farmers need have no doubts whatever of finding, not only a market at their doors for all they can raise, but they have the promise of better profits than any other agriculturalists on the Pacific coast.

Bute Inlet Route.

Some people occasionally originate the queerest kind of ideas imaginable. One of those singular curiosities has been started to the effect that everybody should set their faces as a flint against a coast route to the mines. If Bute Inlet route be "ridiculous," it is certainly not half so ridiculous as saying that no coast route to the interior shall be opened along a coast stretching from the 49th parallel to 54th North. It is very doubtful whether a parallel can be found for such an absurdity anywhere. The next thing we will expect to hear will be that some of our architects have originated the sage idea that no matter how long a front a store may have on a street, there should be but one entrance, and that at the farthest corner from where business is transacted in the establishment. And if any one should intimate the propriety of making doors elsewhere, they should be written down as "insane," or "speculators," or "selfish," or "laboring under a helpless childishness," or "unconscionable folly." There may be those among us who would employ such architects but it is not probable, except at the Songish village, where the style of aboriginal architecture corresponds with such a plan. The simple truth is that British Columbia

has a coast stretching over five and a half degrees of latitude, which is indented with numerous harbors, canals and inlets along the whole line. As settlements stretch northwardly from the mouth of Fraser River, the farther they are from the point at which they draw their supplies, and the more expensive goods become. If from any part of the coast, such interior settlements can be reached by a shorter, more expeditious, and less expensive route, it is a primary duty of the government to make such route travelable. The inhabitants of such a settlement may claim it as a right, and if denied, they would have good grounds to denounce the non-recognition of such right as an act of injustice.

The Northern mines are so situated. They are nearer the coast than to New Westminster, and as they draw all their supplies from here, except what is sent from Oregon, there is nothing unreasonable or unfair in exploring the most direct route between Victoria and Cariboo. At least so the inhabitants at both extremities generally believe. Messrs. McKenzie and Kenny, acting on the wishes of the Northern settlements, have found a practicable route to the coast, and our citizens have contributed their money to discover if possible a still nearer one. We cannot but think that both parties are studying their own interests, and very properly too. If Cayoosh, Douglas, Yale or Lytton, were to oppose on the ground of "vested interests," or providing one route only, it would prove a very weak argument indeed. The true line argument for those places would be to demonstrate that it is a shorter, more expeditious, and less expensive route via Yale and Cayoosh to the Forks of Quesnelle than from any part of the coast. If such can be done, all the coast routes imaginable are "childishness" and "folly." If, however, the coast routes should prove to be the best, no amount of opposition will avail even to stop such "a ridiculous exploring scheme" as Bute Inlet.

The "Honorable" Meeting.

The attempt made by two gentlemen of this city to fight a duel on Tuesday last, at Beacon Hill, was the topic of general conversation yesterday, and we are extremely glad to state that the principals and their seconds were generally denounced for the impropriety of their conduct. Had the meeting been carried to an issue, and had one of the parties fallen, the survivor would have been compelled to fly the country, or deliver himself into the hands of the law to stand his trial as a murderer. In either event, the brand of Cain would have been indelibly stamped on his brow, and the remainder of his days—he they long or short—rendered a hell upon earth. Society would have cast him out as a leper, whose very touch is contamination, and when called on to render an account to his Maker, he would have passed away from earth "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

The Hotspurs of Victoria need only turn to the account of the duel the other day in California, between Piercy and Snowalter, to note the effect of such affairs upon the public mind. Piercy is held up as a martyr to a mistaken sense of honor, and his slayer, Snowalter, hunted through the State like a felon by the officers of the law, is regarded as an assassin. The press of California are unsparing in their denunciatory articles. His previous history is closely scanned and studied, and the faults and indiscretions of youth painted in so hideous a color, that even his former friends and associates start back agast when the fearful record is spread before them. The same effects were observed after the Terry-Broderick duel, and will be until the dreadful practice is for ever discontinued in every community on which the light of Christianity has shed its rays. The affair here was happily terminated without injury to either party, and as both are supposed to be men of good sound sense, the matter has no doubt since been settled in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

The doctrine that a hasty word from one man entitles another to take him out and set him up as a mark to shoot at, is as formidable as it is ridiculous to right-minded people. If our citizens must fight, we would much rather hereafter see their differences settled by the rules of fistiana, than by the code of "honor."

ILLUSING A SEAMAN.—Captain Staples, of the steamer Pacific, was fined on the 6th inst., at Portland, \$100, for illusing a seaman. His three mates were also before the court on a like charge. Two were fined \$10 each, and the third \$5.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.  
THE CREDITORS OF J. VAN HOUTEN are hereby notified that a dividend upon all the assets belonging to the above estate will be paid on Friday and Saturday next, 14th and 15th inst., between the hours of ten and 12 o'clock, at the office of the Victoria Gas Company in Edwell's building, corner of Yates and Langley streets, upstairs.  
C. W. K. THORNTON  
Victoria, 12th June, 1861.

STRAWBERRY!  
AND OTHER PLANTS  
OF THE  
CHOICEST VARIETY  
FOR SALE BY  
H. HANLEY, Clover Point Gardens.

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING AT this Garden a large variety of STRAWBERRY PLANTS, all bearing fruit of the finest kind, is ready to supply the public with plants at low rates. All other Garden Plants constantly on hand.  
J. H. HANLEY  
Jel3 1m

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SLOOP PETREL FOR SALE.  
THE SLOOP PETREL, OAK FRAMING, planked with cedar, copper fastened, and fitted in the hull, twelve months old; well found in every respect, is offered for sale very low. She is well suited for a yacht and was built for a deep-water boat.  
Apply to  
F. McQUADE,  
Wharf street.  
Jel3 1f

ROAD TAX NOTICE.  
Road District of Esquimalt Town.  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for this Road District will meet at the Ship Inn, Esquimalt, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 10 A. M., to hear all complaints of persons incorrectly assessed or omitted in the Assessment Roll: At which time also, all persons wishing to compound for the labor in cash, can do so by paying to the undersigned, who alone is authorized to receipt for the same.  
FREDK WILLIAMS,  
Chairman and Treasurer of Board of Commissioners for Esquimalt Town.  
Jel3 1w

PUBLIC NOTICE.  
Road Act, 1861.  
PURSUANT TO THE 26th SECTION of the "Road Act, 1861," I, Michael Tuine, overseer appointed under the said Act for the Victoria District, do hereby notify all persons liable to perform labor under the said Act within the said Victoria District to meet me on Friday, the 14th day of June, inst., at the W corner of B. W. Pearce, Esq.'s fence, at the hour of 7 A. M., bringing with them any and all the animals and implements required by the said Act and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the said Act.  
MICHAEL TUINE,  
Overseer.  
Jel3 3t

AUCTION.  
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE  
OF THE  
EFFECTS OF M. L. CAVERT, Deceased  
P. M. BACKUS  
WILL SELL  
FRIDAY, June 14th, 1861.  
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,  
AT HIS SALESROOM, YATES STREET,  
The effects of M. L. Caver, consisting of  
Sofa,  
Bedstead,  
China,  
Chairs,  
Mattresses,  
Blankets,  
Books,  
Towels,  
Breastpin,  
Ring,  
Boots,  
Overcoat, etc., etc.  
Jel3

ENGLISH GOODS.  
MIDDLETON, KNIGHT & CO.  
156 LEADENHALL STREET, London.  
75 MOSLEY STREET, Manchester.  
21 WATER STREET, Liverpool.  
Commission Merchants and Agents.  
Offer particular advantages to Colonists in the  
PURCHASE  
And Forwarding of Goods!  
Orders accompanied by remittances of 20 per cent. on account thereof promptly executed at  
LOWEST NET CASH PRICES.  
TERMS—5 per cent. Commission with 1 per cent. for "del credere" on drafts against the balances of Invoice accounts.  
REFERENCE—J. D. Pemberton, Esq., Surveyor-General, Victoria.  
Jel3 2aw-3m

MILCH COWS.  
FINE AMERICAN MILCH COWS, warranted quiet, with calves and to calve, for sale low.  
Apply to  
G. D. CLARK, BUTCHER,  
Corner Yates and Douglas streets.  
Jel1 2ptf

BOOK BINDING  
IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.  
WILLIAM STEWART, FROM EDINBURGH, is prepared to execute orders for Book binding in the best styles and at the lowest rates.  
Government Work Contracted for.  
Orders left at Messrs HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S, Yates street, promptly attended to.  
Jel1 1m

RECEIVED,  
EX MARCELLA,  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Service and Prayer Books,  
Both handsomely and plainly Bound.  
—ALSO—  
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF  
Superior English Stationery.  
HIBBEN & CARSWELL.  
Jel1 1m

SELLING OFF  
the entire stock of,  
Fancy and Dry Goods!  
AT COST FOR SIXTY DAYS.  
—ALSO—  
Crocery, Glass, Hardware, Clothing, Boots, Ladies' and Misses' Boots and Shoes, Mantillas, India Rubber Boots, Blankets, Sheetings, Drillings, White and Fancy Satins, Spades, shovels, Mining Tools, Caskets, Cards, Hats, Caps, &c.  
GROCERIES,  
Candles, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Can Fruits, Pickles, Oysters, Sauces, Raisins, Currants, Butter, Lard, Ham, Cheese, Yeast Powder, &c.  
The above was purchased expressly for this market, and is offered for sale in consequence of the proprietor leaving for California.  
FOR BARGAINS, now is your time.  
Call and examine, at  
F. McQUADE & CO'S,  
Columbia street, New Westminster.  
Jel1 1m

RECEIVED, EX PACIFIC,  
DIRECT FROM HAVANA  
CARANAS y CARAJAL, Regalia Imperiales  
Figaros, Regalia Britanica  
Figaro priuado, " "  
Montero, " "  
Loteria, " "  
Legitimidad, " "  
Manuel Reyna, Regalia Espanero  
Caperua, " "  
For sale in lots to suit at  
G. SUTRO & CO'S,  
Yates street.  
Jel1 1p

AUCTION SALES.  
AUCTION.  
J. A. McCREA  
WILL SELL  
THIS DAY,  
THURSDAY, June 13th, 1861,  
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,  
AT SALESROOM, ON WHARF STREET,  
Invoices Received ex Bark Glimpse,  
To be closed for Cash,  
20 cases fresh Tomatoes in 2 lb tins  
10 cases Olives  
10 cases assorted Table Fruits, in 2 lb tins  
10 cases Preserved Cherries, in 1 lb tins  
10 cases fresh Plums in glass  
10 cases fresh Peaches in 2 lb tins  
40 bxs Raisins  
—ALSO—  
6 cases California Cheese  
20 doz Pails, 3 hoops, sold as is  
20 bags Corn Meal in 50 lb bags  
30 bags Corn Meal in 25 lb bags  
20 bxs Sperma Candles  
10 bxs Blue  
20 bxs English Pickles in quarts  
—ALSO—  
On Account of the Underwriters;  
EX MARCELLA,  
Damaged on voyage of Importation.  
Marked H N, 1 ble Scotch Handkerchiefs  
" " " " trunks Boots  
" " " " 1 case Boots  
" " " " 1 bale Flannel Shirts  
" " " " 1 case Soldier's Coats and Pants  
" " " " 1 case Molekin Pants  
" " " " pieces Fancy Dress Silks  
" " " " dozens Regatta Twilled Shirts  
" " " " Blue Serge Shirts  
1 case Sardines  
—ALSO—  
1 crate fine Bohemian and French Glassware  
All of which will be sold for cash.  
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AUCTION.  
Valuable Medical Works  
BY AUCTION.  
P. M. BACKUS  
WILL SELL  
FRIDAY, June 14th, 1861,  
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,  
AT HIS SALESROOM ON YATES STREET,  
12 vols Chamber's Journal  
3 vols Cyclopaedia of Practical Medicine  
7 vols Dictionary of Practical Medicine  
30 vols of the Lancet  
3 vols of Bell's Anatomy  
2 vols of Cullen's Works  
2 vols of Mackintosh's Practice  
1 vol Christian on Poisons  
1 vol of Richerand's Elements of Physiology  
1 vol Liston's Elements of Surgery  
Hooper's Medical Dictionary  
Duncan and Thompson's Dispensatory  
6 vols of Chemistry, Materia Medica, etc  
50 small vols of Chamber's Educational Course  
And a variety of other standard works of History, Poetry, &c.  
Jel2

SALE  
OF  
SHEEP AND CATTLE!  
The Stock of Sheep on the  
FARM OF CRAIGFLOWER,  
And also a large number of Cattle, including Cows and Calves, and a few Horses, (principally young stock) not put to Auction at the recent sale of live stock on the farm, will be sold in lots by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
On Wednesday, 3d July next.  
This fine healthy flock of Sheep, bred by Mr. Mackenzie with the greatest care during a series of years back, from the best English blood specially selected and imported, comprises the following, viz:  
300 to 400 Ewes, Southdown  
300 to 400 Ewe and Wether Lambs, Southdown  
50 Ram Lambs, Southdown  
50 to 80 Rams, " " from 1 to 4 years old, a few of which have been imported direct from England.  
There will also be sold at the same time, (if not previously disposed of) 3 fine Hampshire Down Rams, imported from England by the Hudson's Bay Company this year.  
An opportunity so rare is well worthy the attention of farmers wishing to improve their breeds of stock. Credit for 3 months on bills with approved security will be given, or 2 1/2 per cent discount for ready money will be allowed on all purchases amounting to \$20 and upwards.  
Further particulars may be learnt on application to Mr. Mackenzie, at the Farm, or to Dr. Tolmie or Mr. Munro, at Victoria.  
The sale will commence on the Farm, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and conditions of sale will then be read.  
Victoria, May 27th, 1861.  
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HENRY NATHAN,  
Having Just Received, per "Marcella,"  
A FIRST SHIPMENT OF GOODS,  
Direct from his House in London,  
OFFERS IN LOTS TO SUIT,  
CHEAP FOR CASH  
HOSIERY.—Consisting of Stockings, Socks, Gloves, Stay Corsets, Twill Woollen, Regatta, and Fancy White Shirts, long cloth Handkerchiefs, Neckties, &c. &c.  
CLOTHING.—Gents' Black Tweed Doe Angola suits, Milton and Shooting Coats, Alpaca socks, Dohray Morning Coats, Drab Hunter's Cord Trowsers, Drawers, Felt, Straw, Leghorn, and Panama Hats, &c.  
DRAPEY.—Silks, Merinos, Alpacaes, Muslins, Barges, Shirtings, etc.  
OILMAN'S STORES.—Pickles, Sardines, Pie Fruits, Sauces, Mustard, Oil, etc.  
ASSORTED Hardware, Crockery and Glassware.  
ASSORTMENT OF FANCY WARE.—Consisting in part of Buckets, Beads and silver Bracelets, Cards, Shaving, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Pipes, Combs, Plated Ware, etc., etc  
NO. 9, WHARF STREET, VICTORIA, V. I.  
Jel3 1m

MOSQUITO NETTING!  
MOSQUITO NETTING! MOSQUITO NETTING!  
AS THE SEASON IS NOW COMING ON for Mosquitos I would refer the Up River merchants to the  
LARGE STOCK  
I now have on hand, which  
WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.  
my27-1m  
K. GAMBITZ.

THE UNDERSIGNED DRY GOODS Dealers will, from and after this date, close their respective Stores at 8 1/2 o'clock, P. M., Saturdays excepted.  
A. HOFFMAN,  
K. GAMBITZ,  
N. MOORE & CO.,  
J. LASH,  
M. WICKLER,  
MORRIS BROS.  
Victoria, June 3, 1861.  
Jel3 2w2p

SAN JUAN LIME,  
And Portland Cement  
ON HAND AND FOR SALE BY  
PEASE & BOYCE,  
Jel3 1m Union Wharf

PUBLIC NOTICES.  
PROCLAMATION.  
Vancouver Island.  
By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, etc., etc.  
WHEREAS the House of Assembly convened on the 1st day of March, 1860, has been prorogued until the 12th day of June, 1861,  
Now I, James Douglas, do proclaim and declare that the said House of Assembly is hereby prorogued until Wednesday, the 29th day of June next ensuing, for the dispatch of business.  
Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this 10th day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.  
JAMES DOUGLAS.  
By His Excellency's Command,  
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.  
Jel3 1d

NEW SPRING GOODS  
JUST ARRIVED  
AT THE  
VICTORIA DRY GOODS STORE,  
Next to Cor. of Yates and Government Sts.  
A large and well selected Stock of  
Dry Goods!  
Comprising all the styles of the season in  
Silks, Poplins, Delaines, Barges, and Balzelines,  
Also, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS AND MUSLIN WORK, and a general assortment of  
HAIRDRESSERY,  
VELVET, PILE, and TAPESTRY CARPETS, 3 PLY KIDDERMINSTER, and FLOOR OIL CLOTH.  
Purchasers will find it to their advantage to call and examine for themselves.  
Jel1 1m  
K. GAMBITZ.

EX "MARCELLA," FROM LONDON.  
Now Landing, and for Sale by the Undersigned:  
PORTER IN BOTTLE—150 cases of Taylor, Walker & Co's celebrated Porter, bottled at the Victoria Stores.  
PALE ALE IN BOTTLE—100 cases, each 4 dozen.  
PALE ALE IN BIDS.  
OILMEN'S STORES, Viz.: Pickles, Sardines, Oatmeal, Curry Powder, Anchovies, Mustard, Jams, Salad Oil, Dried Herbs, spices.  
TIN PLATE.—Assorted qualities and sizes—210 boxes.  
SHEET IRON—Assorted sizes and qualities.  
BANKA TIN IN SLABS—And Sheet Zinc.  
GALVANIZED SHEET IRON—Assorted sizes.  
SOLDER BRASS WIRE.  
COPPER SHEATHING & BRAZIER'S COPPER.  
BALES BLANKETS.  
CASES CLOTHING—CLOTH CAPS.  
CASES BEST STEEL and SAWS, ass'd, etc., etc., etc.  
Jel1 1m  
JANION & GREEN.

CURLING'S  
SPARKLING  
EFFERVESCENT!  
CITRATE  
OF  
MAGNESIA!  
Another supply of the above favorite Medicine  
JUST RECEIVED  
BY  
LANGLEY BROS.  
Jes 1m  
A. BLACKMAN,  
No. 14 Yates street, opposite Washington Alley,  
RESPECTFULLY INFORMS THE public of Victoria and British Columbia that he has the agency of the world renowned  
TILTON & MC FARLAND'S  
Salamander Fireproof Safes,  
Impenetrable to drill or chisel, with combination Powder and Burglar Proof Locks, of which he has a good assortment on hand and will sell at San Francisco prices.  
Manufacturer of all sorts of  
Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware.  
Keeps a good stock of Stoves, Hardware and Willow, silver-plated and Britannia; Crockery and Glass ware.  
TIN-ROOFING and all other JOBBING done in a good manner and at reasonable prices.  
my29 1m2p  
A. BLACKMAN.  
Notice! Notice!  
THE UNDERSIGNED DRY GOODS Dealers will, from and after this date, close their respective Stores at 8 1/2 o'clock, P. M., Saturdays excepted.  
A. HOFFMAN,  
K. GAMBITZ,  
N. MOORE & CO.,  
J. LASH,  
M. WICKLER,  
MORRIS BROS.  
Victoria, June 3, 1861.  
Jel3 2w2p

JUST RECEIVED, EX "PACIFIC!"  
1843 OR SACKS OF FINE MILLS FLOUR,  
200 qr sacks Magnolia MILLS Extra Flour,  
200 qr sacks Springfield Mills Extra Flour,  
300 qr sacks Bran.  
For sale by  
J. J. SOUTHWATE & CO.,  
Wharf street.  
Jel1 1w



# THE BRITISH COLONIST

Thursday Morning, June 13, 1861.

## LETTER FROM FORKS CITY.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

NO. IX.

FORKS OF QUEENSLAND, May, 19th, 1861.  
ARRIVAL AT THE FORKS—THE TRAIL.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I left Beaver Lake on the 17th inst. and walked to the Little Lake House (16 miles), where I made a frugal repast, styled dinner by courtesy, and after getting through a pipe of sublime tobacco by way of dessert, I succeeded in landing myself at the Forks during the afternoon. The trail was not as bad as I expected to find it, the most swampy places having been bridged over during the last week. The country across the mountain, between Beaver Lake and the Forks, has a wild and desolate appearance, and is mostly covered with charred and burnt timber. Portions that have escaped the visitation of fire are covered with dense woods and moss. At intervals, the beauty of the scene is enlivened by the decaying carcasses of animals which have fallen victims to the packing mania; but as a general thing the reverie of the traveler remains unbroken as he journeys through these pathless solitudes. Along the hill-side, going down to the valley of Quesnelle, the snow lies to the depth of two or three feet, although it is fast disappearing beneath the genial rays of Old Sol. The valley is narrow and hemmed in by hills thickly covered with timber.

FORKS CITY—POPULATION—THE MINES.

Forks City is built on a flat at the foot of the mountains which separate the two branches of the river, and the houses face the waters of the South Fork. A narrow levee, barely sufficient for pack trains to unload on, runs along the front of the town and the houses will certainly be moved further back when the site is surveyed by government. A good substantial bridge has been erected between the town and the opposite bank, the proprietors of which charge the following tolls:—Laden mules or horses, \$1, loose ditto, 50 cents; foot passengers, 25 cents. At present there are not more than 150 miners in town, so that there must be between 800 and 900 men, scattered through the Cariboo and snow-shoe diggings. Many are expected down as soon as the stock of provisions they took with them is exhausted, there being as yet no means for conveying food to the mining districts. A few white men are packing goods up to Antler Creek for \$50 the trip, but nearly all the miners going up have to carry their own provisions. I have noticed several parties of men starting out with over 100 lbs on their backs, which they will have to carry over a most difficult country. Owing to the quantity of fallen timber on the apology for a trail, a man, to make a successful trip, must be a sort of Blondin on a small scale, and well skilled in tight rope dancing. If he is not, he will infallibly come to grief. This is a small sample of what the pioneers in new mining districts have to go through, a great deal of which could be avoided by the expenditure of a few dollars paid to one or two skillful axemen. It is hoped the Government will see the necessity of investing one of the officials in new mining districts with a *carte blanche* to appropriate a few hundred dollars for the purpose of clearing away fallen timber and improving trails. This would be a great boon to the miner, and at the same time be no loss to the country, even though a different route should be afterwards selected.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY.

Nothing of importance has taken place at the mines with the exception of the discovery of another large creek, 25 miles beyond Antler, from which 1 1/2 cents and upwards has been obtained. The stream which I wrote about in my last having been discovered 12 or 14 miles from Antler, is named Williams Creek, and has been prospected by many miners with varied success. A large number of claims have been taken up on it, and spots are found which pay very rich, but of course, owing to the snow, no correct estimate can be formed of its resources.

GEN. PALMER'S REPORT.

General Palmer, who has been up to close out his business, and who was at Antler Creek, tells me that he has the greatest confidence in the extent and riches of the Snowshoe country. He brought down some very fine chunks of Antler Creek gold with him, in some of which particles of quartz can be discerned.

APPEARANCE OF THE COUNTRY.

Large ledges of quartz can be seen in the bottoms of the streams, but cannot be traced up the hills owing to the snow. All the streams in this section of the country, whether flowing into the North Fork, or towards Fraser River, rise from the foot of hills known as the Bald Mountains, which communicate with a lofty chain stretching to the northward and eastward, supposed to be a spur from the Rocky Mountains. It is generally thought by practical men up here that the fine float gold distributed over the Fraser valley has its source in the neighborhood of the new auriferous districts, and that it was disintegrated from the beds of quartz by the wear and tear of nature and washed together with the debris into the natural drain of the country, the channel of Fraser River. The idea that it came from the hills on both sides of the river is not entertained, there being scarcely a quartz vein bigger than a man's finger to be seen in them. There is a range of quartz running about northeast and southwest, which is first noticeable to any extent at Lake Le Hache, 37 miles below Williams Lake. From the latter place it runs through the Cariboo country and further north until it probably strikes the Rocky Mountains. It appears to be narrow towards the south, but to increase in breadth about the latitude of Cariboo, where it extends, from all accounts, over a large district.

THE MINES.

Miners are constantly coming into Forks City from the mines for provisions, and scarcely anything is heard in the streets but discussions about prospects, disputed claims, &c., &c. As yet no man has left here to go below, although many arrived with very little cash in their pockets.

CONFUSION AT THE MINES.

From what I can learn, through miners coming down from Antler Creek, there appears to be still a great deal of confusion respecting claims. Parties come in there every day and claim ground on the strength of hearing that a notice was put up with their names on by some of their friends.

JUDGE NEGRO. The advent of Judge Negbie is anxiously expected and he will find several cases of appeal waiting for him.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I must say that since my arrival here I have a much better opinion of the mines than when below. I shall write again in a day or two.

ARGUS.

## The Enigma.

We have received several communications from our young friends, purporting to be correct solutions of the enigma submitted by "A Father," through our columns on Saturday. We give them below, in the order as received:

1. "Geo. H. Cary, the man who has bought the Springs; or Mr. Plushead, footman to the Duchess of Kent." A. ARMES.
  2. "Admiral Baynes, the hero of Bellevue Island." GEO. SMITH.
  3. "Mr. Punch, the Editor of the London Charivari." D. R. N., Sr.
  4. "General Winfield Scott is an American Hero." W. T. LEIGH, Sr.
  5. "Stale Eggs is used in Omelettes." JOHN SMITH, Jr.
  6. "Lincoln is President of the United States." SUSEY.
- No. 4, is correct.

Thirty-nine prisoners were in jail yesterday.

PRIVATEERING.—Our Yankee friends are just now in tribulation about Jeff. Davis' privateers, which, they very much fear, will run away with their merchant vessels. Our readers must not feel startled when we tell them that we have privateers here in our very harbor. Fact for we yesterday witnessed as neat a little affair of the kind as it is possible for any representative of the Southern Confederacy to perform. While sauntering across James' Bridge, we saw a small Indian canoe, in which were three Songish children of perhaps ten years of age, who were propelling the bark leisurely with paddles. In the canoe were three wooden kegs, containing, no doubt, water which they had apparently just drawn from the well at the head of the bay, and were proceeding homeward, in order that the evening meal might be prepared. As they reached the bridge a large canoe, containing two Northern bucks and a squaw, shot alongside and accosted the juveniles in the "opposition boat." The latter courteously ceased paddling,—laid on their oars, as it were,—and nothing loth for a bit of Chinook gossip, blabbed away for an instant with one of the bucks. Suddenly the squaw and her remaining companion reached over into the children's canoe, and quick as a flash each seized and transferred to their own boat a keg of the water, while the individual who had kept the children in conversation shoved clear of their canoe, and the piratical craft was soon cutting through the water at a rate of speed which bade defiance to the efforts of the juveniles put forth to overtake them. After a vain attempt to overtake, the latter contented themselves with sending some complimentary epithets after the pirates as they disappeared in the distance.

ROBBING THE H. B. COMPANY.—The Indians in this town are lost indeed when they will descend so low as to rob their old *tilicums*—that (as a distinguished barrister called it the other day) "Ancient and Honorable Corporation" known as the Hudson Bay Company—who have fought and bled and almost died in endeavoring to introduce civilization and breeches among the savage hordes on this coast in exchange for furs and salmon oil. On Tuesday, a squaw was caught in the Company's store while "shoplifting" a shawl from the counter. The poor lost wretch was hurried off to the colonial boarding-house, and yesterday she was sentenced by Mr. Pemberton to lose all the hair on the top of her head and pay 4s., the cost of arrest.

STRAWBERRIES.—Mr. H. Hanley of the Clover Point Gardens, yesterday brought to our editorial room a number of large ripe strawberries of the variety known as the "British Queen." Several of the berries were an inch, and none were less than three-quarters of an inch in length. The plants from which these berries were plucked were only set out in March last, and the fact that they are found bearing so soon after transplanting, is another evidence of the fruit-growing qualities of our soil. In England strawberries rarely produce fruit until the second season after setting out. Mr. Hanley has a large number of plants of choice varieties for sale.

A MILD-MANNERED MAN.—Hans Ghora, employed as cook by a distinguished official, was nipped by Police officer Taylor yesterday, charged with hitting one John Crawler. Hans told the magistrate that he "is as mild a mannered man as can be found in this community of 2500 souls;" but his worship evidently placed but little faith in his statement, for he caused him to fork over the sum of £1 as a fine for the assault.

WHO WANTS TO GO SOLDIERING?—A large number of soldier coats, ex Marcella, will be sold to-day at auction by Mr. McCrea. They are most gorgeously trimmed, and have the true shanghai cut and brass buttons—just the thing to captivate the fair sex. Any person desirous of becoming a "bold sager boy" at a trifling expense, should not fail to attend the sale to-day.

PARDONED.—Geo. Weston, one of the deserters from H. M. S. Bacchante, who refused to break from the gang with the others a short time ago, was yesterday pardoned by the Admiral in consideration of his conduct on that occasion and general deportment since confinement.

AUCTION.—At 11 o'clock this day, Mr. J. A. McCrea will sell by auction a large assortment of groceries; also, a quantity of clothing and soldier coats, ex Marcella, damaged on the voyage of importation.

SUCCESSOR TO SIR GEO. SIMPSON.—Mr. A. G. Dallas, late Chief Factor of the Hudson Bay Company on this coast, has been promoted to the position made vacant last summer by the death of Sir Geo. Simpson.

THE DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL DEFOE.—Lord Palmerston has just granted £100 out of the Queen's bounty fund to two female descendants—great great grand-children of the author of Robinson Crusoe, who are in a situation of great poverty.

OVERLAND MAIL.—The schooner Petrel, Taylor master, arrived from Port Townsend yesterday with the Overland Mail, containing a few letters and papers.

SANDWICH ISLAND MAIL.—A mail will be dispatched to the Sandwich Islands by the barkentine Constitution, on or about the 20th inst.

The yacht Templar, from the Northwest coast, arrived last evening.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

### ARRIVED.

June 12.—Sloop Petrel, Taylor, Port Townsend  
Sloop Eagle, Killee, Port Townsend  
Schr Lallah Rookh, Cormick, Port Townsend  
Schr Restless, Riteuer, Port Townsend  
Yacht Templar, Fitzstubs, N.W. Coast

### CLEARED.

June 13.—Schr Growler, Barrington, Port Townsend  
Sloop Boz, Pratt, Nanaimo  
Sloop Petrel, Taylor, Port Townsend  
Boat Arrow, Canning, San Juan

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Consignees' Notice.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES PER MARCELLA, and to all whom it may concern. All accounts against the Brigantine Marcella must be sent in on or before the 15th inst. and all claims for Damaged Goods per said ship must be sent into the Captain forthwith. The cargo of said Marcella has been discharged my connection with the ship and responsibility ceases.

HENRY NATHAN.

Victoria, 8th June, 1861.

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